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SUBJECT: MOSCOW PREJUDGES BEGIN VISIT

1. IZVESTIYA OF JULY 19 CARRIES A SHARP ATTACK ON US AND ISRAELI POLICIES BY M STRUA ON THE OPENING OF THE BEGIN VISIT. THE THEME OF THIS ARTICLE IS US-ISRAELI EFFORTS TO PREVENT AN EVENHANDED RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. STURUA, AS DOES RUSAKOV IN AN ARTICLE FROM NEW YORK IN PRAVDA OF JULY 18, PORTRAYS US ENCOURAGEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE AS WELL AS A REFUSAL BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT TERMS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IN THIS PRESENTATION, BEGIN, "THE EXTREMIST", (IZVESTIYA) IS ABETTED BY THE US.

2. AN IMPORTANT THEME IN BOTH PIECES IS THAT THE US OPPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN STATE AND

LOOKS FAVORABLY ON THE WIDENING OF ISRAELI CONTROL OVER THE WEST BANK. PRESIDNET CARTER IS SAID BY STURUA TO HAVE TOLD THE LEADERS OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS THAT HE DID NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE AND DECLARED THAT THE CREATION OF SUCH A STATE "WOULD BE'A SOURCE OF DISORDER AND TERRIORISM."

3. COMMENT: THE SOVIET PRESS HAS PREJUDGED THE BEGIN VISIT AND HAS BEGUN WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO USE IT TO DISCREDIT US POLICIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NATURALLY ALL NUANCES OF POSTTIONS DISAPPEAR IN STURAUA' RECOUNTING AS MOSCOW ATTEMPTS TO LINK BEGIN "THE EXTREMIST" AND THE US AS EQUALLY INRANSIGENT AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF PEACE IN THE MID EAST.

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